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Amend the claims as indicated below.

1 Claims 1-58 Previously canceled.

1 59. (Currently amended) A method comprising:  
2 a processor-based financial management system receiving identification  
3 information for a plurality of financial accounts from an account holder, wherein the  
4 information is entered by the account holder in an account holder device and  
5 transmitted to the financial management system via a communications network  
6 according to standard protocols accessible to any user of the network;  
7 the financial management system identifying a first account balance associated  
8 with a first account of the plurality of financial accounts, wherein the first account is  
9 associated with a first financial institution, and wherein the financial management  
10 system is coupled via a network to the first financial institution;  
11 the financial management system further identifying a second account balance  
12 associated with a second account of the plurality of financial accounts, wherein the  
13 second account is associated with a second financial institution, the second financial  
14 institution being independent of the first financial institution, and wherein the financial  
15 management system is coupled to the second financial institution via the network;  
16 obtaining account information from the first and second accounts using access  
17 information provided by an account holder, comprising accessing each of the first and  
18 second financial institutions separately via the network;  
19 the financial management system comparing the first account balance to a  
20 particular value;  
21 if the first account balance exceeds the particular value, the financial  
22 management system recommending a transfer of funds from the first account to the  
23 second account associated with the second financial institution, wherein the first  
24 account and the second account have a common account holder, and wherein the

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25 recommendation to transfer funds identifies an amount to be transferred equal to the  
26 value by which the first account balance exceeds the particular value; and  
27 if the first account balance is below the particular value, the financial  
28 management system recommending a transfer of funds from the second account to the  
29 first account.

1 60. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 59 wherein  
2 obtaining account information and comparing the first account balance to a particular  
3 value is performed automatically at periodic intervals.

1 61. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 59 wherein  
2 comparing the first account balance to a particular value includes applying at least one  
3 rule associated with the first account.

1 62. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 59 wherein the  
2 first account is a checking account and the second account is a savings account.

1 63. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 59 wherein the  
2 second account pays a higher interest rate than the first account.

1 64. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 59 further  
2 comprising if the first account balance is below the particular value, the financial  
3 management system recommending a transfer of funds from the second account to the  
4 first account in an amount equal to the value by which the first account balance is  
5 below the particular value, wherein recommending comprises displaying information  
6 on the account holder device.

1 65. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 59 further  
2 comprising offering to the account holder to perform the recommended transfer of

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- 3 funds from the first account to the second account, wherein offering comprises  
4 displaying information on the account holder device.

1 66. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 65 further  
2 comprising executing the transfer of funds from the first account to the second account  
3 if the account holder accepts the offer to perform the recommended transfer of funds.

1 67. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 59 wherein  
2 recommending a transfer of funds from the first account to the second account includes  
3 automatically transferring funds from the first account to the second account.

1 Claims 68-77 Previously canceled.

1 78. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 59 wherein the  
2 first account is a checking account and the second account is an investment account.

1 79. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 59 wherein the  
2 second account offers a better return than the first account.

1 80. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 59 wherein the  
2 particular value is a minimum balance associated with the first account.

1 81. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 59 wherein the  
2 particular value is a minimum required balance based on historical data.

1 82. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 59 further  
2 comprising permitting the account holder to change the amount to be transferred from  
3 the first account to the second account.

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83. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform a financial management method comprising:

a processor-based financial management system receiving identification information for a plurality of financial accounts from an account holder, wherein the information is entered by the account holder in an account holder device and transmitted to the financial management system via a communications network according to standard protocols accessible to any user of the network;

the financial management system identifying a first account balance associated with a first account of the plurality of financial accounts, wherein the first account is associated with a first financial-institution, and wherein the financial management system is coupled via a network to the first financial institution;

the financial management system further identifying a second account balance associated with a second account of the plurality of financial accounts, wherein the second account is associated with a second financial institution, the second financial institution being independent of the first financial institution, and wherein the financial management system is coupled to the second financial institution via the network;

obtaining account information from the first and second accounts using access information provided by an account holder, comprising accessing each of the first and second financial institutions separately via the network;

the financial management system comparing the first account balance to a particular value;

if the first account balance exceeds the particular value, the financial management system recommending a transfer of funds from the first account to the second account associated with the second financial institution, wherein the first account and the second account have a common account holder, and wherein the recommendation to transfer funds identifies an amount to be transferred equal to the value by which the first account balance exceeds the particular value; and

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- 29 if the first account balance is below the particular value, the financial  
30 management system recommending a transfer of funds from the second account to the  
31 first account.